

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Atkins et al. '507. Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin.

It is noted that the references to Atkins et al. and Lin were initially cited by the Examiner in the outstanding Final Office Action. Thus, this Amendment represents Applicant's initial opportunity to respond to the rejections based upon these references.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 4 of this application. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art, taken individually or in combination.

The first primary reference to Atkins et al. teaches a housing (210) having a plurality of wire grid members (230) connected to a frame member (232) connected to a front of a housing (210). A light produced by the bulb shines through the plurality of wire grid members.

Atkins et al. do not teach a plurality of plates connected to and covering a rear portion of the work lamp, the rear portion being located on a opposite the front portion.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that

Atkins et al. do not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's amended claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Atkins et al. cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's amended claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The second primary reference to Lin teaches lamp casing (2) having a bulb (22) covered by a protection plate (5) that is secured by two press plates (6), and a protective net covering the bulb and connected to the two press plates.

Lin does not teach a plurality of plates connected to and covering a rear portion of the work lamp, the rear portion being located on a opposite the front portion.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Lin does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's amended claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Lin cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's amended claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Neither Atkins et al. nor Lin disclose, or suggest a modification of their specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Applicant hereby respectfully submits that no combination of the cited prior art renders obvious the amended claims.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner not be of the opinion that this case is in condition for allowance, it is requested that this amendment be entered for the purposes of appeal, since it represents Applicant's initial opportunity to respond to the rejections based upon Atkins et al. and Lin.

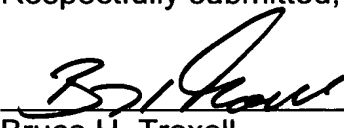
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Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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